

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the claims.

The rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment to the claims and the following reference. Schally, et al. (Nature Clinical Practice Endocrinology and Metabolism, 2008. Vol. 4 No. 1 pages 33-43) teach GHRH dependent cancers to include breast, ovarian, endometrial, prostate, lung, renal, pancreatic, gastric and colorectal. Schally, et al. teach administration of GHRH antagonists to suppress tumor growth.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNE M. GUSSOW whose telephone number is

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